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It is time to complete the task to which John F. Kennedy committed this country 22 years ago, the complete cessation of all nuclear testing by this country and the Soviet Union. The suspension by the Soviet Union of its own underground testing for the remainder of this year....is the most significant arms control initiative taken by either side in ~~over~~ 22 years, since JFK unilaterally halted US testing in the atmosphere and called on the SU to do likewise, as an encouragement and a first step toward the completion of a comprehensive test ban. Quote JFK.

Quote preamble of Comprehensive Test Ban. Kennedy's death a few months later ...loss of public pressure...K replaced by Brezhnev...

But five years later, the preamble to the NPT...legislative history, relying on CTB... promise to non-nuclear powers, recalled in last two review meetings... likelihood of unravelling...last chance...

Closeness of negots in 1980...(report to UN)...

R's refusal to negotiate ~~is~~ demonstrates lack of good faith, in fact, lack of compliance, negotiations: violation of highest law of land, thus of oath of office to uphold the law: impeachable offense (if Congress cared about treaties and Const). Other valid, but unlikely, remedies: injunctions, suits, defenses: as in Nevada. (The most expedient method of raising these issues in a courtroom, where they belong, is in connection with a legal defense. Several people, including myself, who devoted August 6 to obstructing nuclear testing at the Nevada Test Site by their unauthorized physical presence on the NTS, will raise these issues in a courtroom in Beatty, Nevada, where we face trespass charges; we will argue, ~~that~~ with Falk and other expert witnesses, we will argue that ...)

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Brilliant WH PR: timing; US initiative, to draw attention away both from the significance of the SU initiative, and ~~xx~~ from the Admin rejection of it; description of the SU move, astoundingly, as a propaganda ploy, and confirmation of this by pairing it with what they themselves permitted to be perceived as a propaganda move, the "appropriate counter". This led to description as a "draw," a pair of ploys,,and disappearance from the news.

--also see Carrolls account of offers to media of top spokesmen, if no rebuttal; and Ham Fish, Greg Mitchell reaction that this is standard from Reagan.

--But see eds in NYT and Wash Post: implying no interest now in CTB'; not desirable, not merely not verifiable or low priority.

--and Arms controllers reaction: CTB is uninteresting, low priority (compared to what? for which there is any prospect whatsoever? On what front has there been a comparable SU initiative to put pressure on Congress? Is there any hope of any agreement from Reagan, short of massive pressure by public on Congress? Is this not an anachronistic reaction, reflecting a long period in which other measures looked more significant and now less attainable, in the absence of any SU moratorium?

--Legal aspects. Treaties; Pres' constitutional obligations; Congress (impeachment) Citizens: resistance. Lawyers: injunctions, denunciation, suits. Defenses: Nevada.

--Proliferation. NPT Review. Likelihood that some will leave regime; others will refuse to join.

--What can Congress do? HJRes 3; should add call for moratorium; HR 1834 cutting off ~~xxx~~ funds for testing (after 1 Jan) unless SU are testing.

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--JFK speech: CTB, risks...

--Mondale commitment; Democratic platform; not for that they lost:

--Yankelovich: most of US public favors US initiative!

--We should stop testing nuclear warheads and start testing the Russians.

--They have given us five months to decide, of which four are left. One month has been lost, ~~thanks~~ to holidays and to brilliant WH handling and media complicity.; public and activist unawareness.

--A non-binding resolution calling on the President ...is not a substitute for Congressional use of its power over the budget. Amendments to the DOD appropriations could be effective, given support of House leadership

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Surprising SU moratorium

Surprising US media handling: uncritically promoting WH line of SU propaganda

✓ Actually, only significant arms control development since SALT II signed;

✓ (In fact: most significant unilateral action since JFK in June, 1963.

Arming while talking" process. Testing and building faster than agreements to limit.

Lowering US security: EJC: each side has tripled the number of strategic warheads it aims at the other, despite 12 arms agreements over last 15 years.

--What is Reagan's program for ~~limiting~~ averting new SU warheads? He trusts them to lower the total some day, when we have built enough. (I don't).

He trusts them with an indefinite number of new warheads meanwhile: I don't.

He trusts them with new types (Trident II, SLCMs, ASAT...) I don't. SDI ...

Reject arming while talking.

--Further initiatives desirable:

----Verification: SU accept unmanned seismic stations immediately; accept R offer (since public believes it related to verification); SU match it by inviting US to come watch them not testing. Accept on-site inspections. Support international verification.

---Either side (Congress or SU): Moratorium and negotiations for ban on new MIRVed missiles, land and sea-based.

--How many Americans, even in the peace movement, are actually aware of the present opportunity--to stop SU testing forever? (and to stop US testing: with the incentive of ~~joining~~ exploiting this opportunity to stop SU testing)

The media hasn't told them. How to break through this silence?? How can we/they help to counter this media blackout?

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